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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for appropriate action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents:

1. Transmittal Letter;
2. Status Inquiry; and
3. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013 to maintain the pendency of this application.

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On March 11, 2002, the Examiner indicated that the claims in the above-identified application were allowable. However, *ex parte* prosecution of the application has been suspended for over three and a half years "due to a potential interference" (see Office Communications dated March 11, 2003; June 6, 2003; May 11, 2004; and March 15, 2005).

Applicants have not received any correspondence from the Examiner since March 15, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants request to be informed of the current status of the above-identified application.

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